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Delaware  
Weekly Crop and Weather Report

AUGUST 22, 2005

Farmers Enjoy Cooler Temperatures than Previous

Delaware farmers enjoyed cooler temperatures with **5 days suitable for field work**. **Corn** development progressed very rapidly with 81 percent in dough stage and 30 percent in dent stage. **Corn** for silage harvest has begun with 9 percent complete. The third cutting of **alfalfa hay** was 92 percent complete and some farmers have started the fourth cutting.

**Fruits** were in mostly good condition. **Apples** were rated 9 percent fair, 86 percent good, and 5 percent excellent.

**Pastures** were in generally good condition with 8 percent fair, 87 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. **Hay supplies** were 13 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 27 percent surplus.

DELAWARE’S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 21, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	22	17	15	20
Cantaloupes	68	53	67	67
Cucumbers	76	67	69	67
Lima Beans	34	30	54	20
Peaches	70	62	92	77
Potatoes	57	52	57	58
Snap Beans	83	74	93	82
Sweet Corn	74	61	71	69
Tomatoes	69	50	58	52
Watermelons	65	55	75	64
Crop Progress:				
Soybeans Blooming	89	58	94	77
Soybeans Setting Pods	77	30	66	51
Corn Dough	81	77	94	79
Corn Dent	30	9	69	43
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	92	80	84	75
Other Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	38	35	50	55

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 21, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	18	78	4
Topsoil (2004)	-	17	61	22
Five Year Average	15	12	53	21
Subsoil Moisture	-	14	86	-
Subsoil (2004)	8	9	68	15
Five Year Average	20	9	53	18

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 21, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.62	32.27	5.88	94	65	78	3
Easton	1.17	30.91	2.11	93	64	77	2
Frederick	1.21	27.86	2.46	96	62	76	6
Frostburg	0.53	26.24	-5.47	89	57	71	5
Hagerstown	2.23	20.63	-4.42	96	60	76	3
Mechanicsville	1.20	29.06	-0.32	92	62	77	3
Patuxent River	2.40	29.90	2.74	91	65	79	5
Ocean City	0.52	31.16	1.46	89	63	79	4
Salisbury	0.42	33.16	3.41	91	58	77	2
Sharpsburg	0.50	23.33	-2.07	96	58	76	5
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.50	28.71	3.85	94	68	80	2
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	0.88	33.71	5.28	93	66	77	2
Georgetown	0.33	30.21	1.43	93	65	78	5
Wilmington	0.91	25.41	-1.29	96	63	77	3

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.